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LETTERS ATTACHED TO PARCELS

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It is frequently desirable or necessary when mailing parcels at the fourth-class rates of postage to send therewith written instructions or communications which, if inclosed in the parcels, would subject the entire parcels to postage at the first-class rate.

In order to enable mailers to meet this need, provision has been made under which a letter may be placed in an envelope, fully prepaid at the first-class rate and addressed to correspond with the address on the parcel, and then be tied to or otherwise securely attached to the outside of the parcel in such manner as to prevent separation therefrom and not to interfere with the address on the parcel.

The stamps to cover the postage on the parcel must be affixed to the wrapper of the parcel, and those to pay the postage on the letter must be affixed to the envelope of the letter. Postage may also be paid on such matter by permit holders by means of precanceled stamps or in money on metered or nonmetered matter, the same method of paying postage being used on both classes of matter, except that permit indicia and precanceled stamps may be used on the different portions of such a combination parcel.

Combination envelopes or containers having two compartments may be used for this purpose. When the two portions or compartments of a combination container are inseparable the matter will be accepted with the sender's and addressee's names and addresses on one portion only if the sender so desires.

The postage on such combination parcels is computed on the exact weight of each class of matter, including the weight of the portion of the container in which the respective class of matter is inclosed.

Parcels to which letters are so attached are treated as fourth-class matter. Only one special delivery fee is required when such parcels are sent as special delivery matter. The stamps for the fee should be affixed to the parcels.

In every instance, the letter must be placed on the address side of the parcel and not on the back. The placing of the letter on the back or the placing of the name and address of the sender or addressee on two or more sides of the parcel causes confusion and delay in ascertaining whether proper postage has been prepaid and may result in postal indorsements, such as "Special Handling," "Special Delivery," etc., appearing on one side only being overlooked. Any instructions as to the return of a parcel of this kind appearing on the two portions must be consistent.

Letters may be attached to second or third-class matter under the same conditions.

It is contemplated under the provisions for attaching a communication to a parcel that the communication shall be inclosed in an envelope and prepaid at the letter rate, 3 cents an ounce or fraction thereof. There is no objection,

however, to attaching to a parcel prepaid at the third- or fourth-class rate a card bearing a communication, provided postage at the letter rate, that is, 3 cents, is prepaid on the card and affixed thereto.

When a piece of third-class matter of no obvious value and not bearing the pledge of the sender to pay return postage, to which is attached a letter prepaid at the first-class rate, is undeliverable and the third-class matter is of such character that it may be disposed of as waste by the postmaster in accordance with the regulations governing the disposition of undeliverable matter of that class, the letter is detached, indorsed to show that fact and then sent to the Division of Dead Letters and Dead Parcel Post or proper branch thereof. The third-class matter is then disposed of as waste. This procedure is followed in all such cases regardless of whether the letter bears the sender's return card. In the case of undeliverable matter of the third or fourth class of obvious value, to which a letter is attached, the letter may not be detached and handled separately, but the entire parcel should be treated in accordance with sections 808 to 811, Postal Laws and Regulations. It would not be permissible in the case of a combination parcel which is refused by the addressee to separate the letter prepaid at the first-class rate from the parcel and deliver the letter to the addressee.

Third-class matter fully prepaid at the third-class rate of postage may be attached to or mailed with matter of the second or fourth class fully prepaid at the rate applicable to matter of the respective class, in the manner and under the conditions set forth above, provided the envelope or portion of the container in which the third-class matter is inclosed is prominently indorsed "Third Class" and left unsealed.

[SEAL]

ROY M. NORTH,
Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

RATES OF PAY FOR GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS BY TELEGRAPH

ADOPTION OF TELEGRAPH DIVISION ORDER NO. 15-C

The Telegraph Division at a regular meeting held May 25, 1937, adopted Telegraph Division Order No. 15-C:

The Telegraph Division having under consideration the matter of rates of pay for Government communications by telegraph:

It is ordered:

1. That during the period July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938, both inclusive, telegraph communications between the several

¹ 1 F. R. 772, 1150.

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departments of the Government and their officers and agents, in their transmission over the lines or circuits of any telegraph company subject to the Post Roads Act, approved July 24, 1866, 14 Stat. 221, as amended, U. S. C., title 47, shall have priority over all other business and shall be sent at charges not exceeding forty (40) per centum of the charges applicable to commercial communications of the same class, of the same length, and between the same points in the United States, except that the charges for serial messages and timed wire service shall not exceed eighty (80) per centum of the charges applicable to like commercial serial messages and timed wire service between the same points in the United States; provided, however, that the minimum charge for day messages shall be 25 cents, for day letters 45 cents, for night messages 20 cents, for night letters 30 cents, for serial messages 54 cents, and for timed wire service 45 cents, unless any of these amounts shall be greater than the minimum for a corresponding commercial message in which event the provision set forth in paragraph 5 below shall apply; and provided, further, that a day letter shall be charged for as a day letter or a day message, according to which of these classifications shall produce the lower charge for the particular message; and that an overnight message shall be charged for as a night message or as a night letter, according to which of these two classifications shall produce the lower charge for the particular message; and provided, further, that when the first section of a serial message is not followed

by another on the same day, it shall be charged for as a day message; that when more than one section is filed on the same day, the sections shall be charged for at the serial rates or each section shall be charged for as a day message, according to which of these classifications shall produce the lower total charge; and that timed wire messages shall be charged for as timed wire service or as day messages, according to which of these classifications shall produce the lower charge; and provided, further that the provisions of this paragraph shall apply only to Government messages filed as day messages, day letters, night messages, night letters, serial messages, or timed wire communications.

2. That during the period stated telegraph communications between the several departments of the Government and their officers and agents, between points in the continental United States and points in possessions of the United States, between points in different possessions, and between points in the continental United States, including such possessions, and points in foreign countries and ships at sea transmitted by any carrier or carriers subject to the Post Roads Act, or subject to the terms of a permit signed, or license granted, by the President of the United States giving the Postmaster General authority to fix rates of pay for Government communications by telegraph shall, between all points embraced within the scope of such Act, permit, or license, have priority over all other business, and shall be sent at charges not exceeding fifty (50) per centum of the full ordinary charges applicable to commercial communications of the same length and between the same points, except that charges for Government code messages shall not exceed sixty (60) per centum of the ordinary Government charges as herein prescribed; provided, however, that in cases where Government messages are transmitted between any of such points in part over the facilities of any carrier or carriers subject to the Post Roads Act, or subject to the terms of any permit signed, or license granted, by the President giving authority to the Postmaster General to fix rates, (such carrier or carriers being hereinafter called domestic carrier or carriers), and in part over the facilities of a carrier, carriers, administration, or administrations not subject thereto, (hereinafter called foreign carriers or administrations), the charges for Government communications shall not exceed the following, to wit:—for Government communications between points in the continental United States and Mexico or Canada, the charges shall not exceed the amounts derived by applying the percentages stated in the first ordering paragraph herein, to the prevailing commercial charges between the points of origin or destination in the continental United States and the border, plus the prevailing charges applicable to United States Government messages between points of origin or destination in Mexico and Canada and the border; and for Government communications between all other points, the charges shall not exceed the percentages specified in the second ordering paragraph herein, applied to the full portion of the charges accruing to the domestic carrier or carriers, plus the charges actually made for United States Government communications by such foreign carriers or administrations; and provided further, (a) that with respect to government ordinary messages to and from the Philippine Islands and the Canal Zone, the percentages specified shall apply to such communications only in so far as the transmission takes place within the United States and its possessions, other than the Philippine Islands and the Canal Zone; (b) that the charges for government ordinary messages during the period stated, between the following named points, shall be:

	Per word
Between New York, N. Y., and Canal Zone.....	\$0.15
Between Fisherman's Point, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Canal Zone.....	.09
Between Limon, San Jose, and Puntarenas, C. R., and Canal Zone.....	0.075
Between San Francisco, Calif., and Philippine Islands:	
Luzon Island, Manila.....	0.195
Luzon Island, other offices.....	.245
Other Islands, all offices.....	.375

	Per word
Between Honolulu, Hawaii, and Philippine Islands:	
Luzon Island, Manila.....	.165
Luzon Island, other offices.....	.215
Other Islands, all offices.....	.345
Between Midway Island and Philippine Islands:	
Luzon Island, Manila.....	.13
Luzon Island, other offices.....	.18
Other Islands, all offices.....	.31
Between Sumaye, Guam and Philippine Islands:	
Luzon Island, Manila.....	.075
Luzon Island, other offices.....	.125
Other Islands, all offices.....	.255
Between Manila and China:	
Shanghai.....	0.10
Hongkong.....	.0575
Kwangi, Kwantung Provinces.....	.11
Macao.....	.11
Manchuria (other than Japanese offices).....	.15
All other places.....	.15
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Formosa.....	.23
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Other Islands, all offices.....	.45

and provided that the charges for Government code messages between the foregoing points shall be 60 percent of the charges above specified for Government ordinary messages; and (c) that with respect to Government messages to and from ships at sea the percentages specified shall not apply to the coastal station and ship station charges; and (d) that with respect to Government night messages to and from points in Canada and Mexico transmitted by carriers having both night message and night letter classifications in effect to and from such points but having only night letter classifications in effect between points in the United States, such Government night messages shall be regarded as night letters for the purpose of determining the prevailing commercial charges for such messages to and from points in the United States and the border.

3. That the provisions of the first and second ordering paragraphs shall be construed to include messages transmitted over facilities of Naval Communications Service in connection with facilities of a domestic carrier or carriers or with facilities of a domestic carrier or carriers and foreign carriers or administrations, the Naval Communications Service making no charge for its own service.

4. That if any new service shall be established during the period stated, a supplementary order will be issued fixing the Government charge for such service.

5. That in no case shall the charge for a Government message exceed the charge for a corresponding commercial message; and that in cases where the charge for a Government message, as determined herein, shall include a fraction of a cent, such fraction, if less than one-half, shall be disregarded, if one-half or more, it shall be counted as one cent; except that the charge for Government code messages shall be rounded up to the next higher half cent, if the fraction be less than one-half, and to a full cent, if the fraction be more than one-half.

6. That all Government communications shall have priority over all other business, as above provided, and shall, unless otherwise provided herein, be subject to the classifications, practices and regulations applicable to the corresponding commercial communications.

7. That every domestic carrier which is subject to the Communications Act of 1934, shall, not later than 30 days after service of this order, file with this Commission all schedules of charges applicable to Government communications established pursuant to this order, said schedules to be filed in full compliance with the requirements of Section 203 of the Communications Act of 1934, and with the rules contained in Tariff Circular No. 1, to be constructed in such manner and form that the full charges for all Government messages from origins to destinations can be exactly and readily ascertained therefrom, and to name effective

dates as of July 1, 1937, provided, however, that if schedules applicable to Government messages are already on file and in effect and are in accord with the provisions of this order, new and revised schedules need not be filed.

8. That every domestic carrier required under the terms of any permit signed, or license granted, by the President of the United States to transmit messages for the Government of the United States or any of its possessions, free of charge, shall file schedules in accordance with paragraph 7 above, and with the terms of such permit or license.

9. That in every case where during the period stated any schedule containing charges applicable to commercial messages shall be changed, or the charges made by the foreign carriers or administrations shall be changed, the schedule containing the charges applicable to Government messages shall be correspondingly changed, effective on the same date, provided, however, that this provision shall not apply where, under the terms of the permit or license, a domestic carrier is required to transmit Government messages free of charge, nor with respect to charges to and from the Philippine Islands and the Canal Zone the specific amounts of which are fixed and stated in the second ordering paragraph above.

10. That nothing herein contained shall apply to charges fixed by agreement between the Secretary of Agriculture and the companies performing the service under the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act.

By the Commission, Telegraph Division.

[SEAL]

T. J. SLOWIE, *Secretary*.

[F. R. Doc. 37-1631; Filed, June 3, 1937; 11:31 a. m.]

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD.

United States of America—Before the National Labor Relations Board

[Case No. C-105]

IN THE MATTER OF J. FREEZER & SON, INC., AND AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS OF AMERICA AND DAPHNE RIDPATH, SYLVIA RIDPATH, AND GRACE RIDPATH

NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that pursuant to authority vested in the National Labor Relations Board under an Act of Congress (49 Stat. 449) a hearing will be held before the National Labor Relations Board on Friday, June 4, 1937, at 11 a. m., in Room 406, Denrike Bldg., 1010 Vermont Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., for the purpose of oral argument in the above entitled matter.

You may appear and be heard if you so desire.

Dated, May 29, 1937, Washington, D. C.

[SEAL]

BENEDICT WOLF, *Secretary*.

[F. R. Doc. 37-1630; Filed, June 2, 1937; 2:59 p. m.]

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

United States of America—Before the Securities and Exchange Commission

At a regular session of the Securities and Exchange Commission held at its office in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 3rd day of June, A. D., 1937.

[File No. 46-58]

IN THE MATTER OF WASHINGTON AND SUBURBAN COMPANIES

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING

An application having been duly filed with this Commission, by Washington and Suburban Companies, a registered holding company, pursuant to Section 10 (a) (1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, for approval of the acquisition by it of 12,500 shares of the \$4.50 Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, without par value, of the Washington Gas Light Company, 83.99% of whose outstanding

voting stock is now owned by applicant; the consideration to consist of the following securities now held by applicant:

\$675,000 principal amount of demand notes of Alexandria Gas Company, a subsidiary of applicant, and interest accrued thereon;

2,500 shares of capital stock of Alexandria Gas Company;

\$231,000 principal amount of bonds of Washington Suburban Gas Company, a subsidiary of applicant, and interest accrued thereon;

\$271,928.37 principal amount of demand notes of Washington Suburban Gas Company (including \$1 advance on open account), and interest accrued thereon; and

8,600 shares of common stock of Washington Suburban Gas Company.

It is ordered that a hearing on such matter be held on June 22, 1937, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day at Room 1101, Securities and Exchange Building, 1776 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.; and

Notice of such hearing is hereby given to said party and to any interested State, State commission, State securities commission, municipality, and any other political subdivision of a State, and to any representative of interested consumers or security holders, and any other person whose participation in such proceeding may be in the public interest or for the protection of investors or consumers. It is requested that any person desiring to be heard or to be admitted as a party to such proceeding shall file a notice to that effect with the Commission on or before June 16, 1937.

It is further ordered that Robert P. Reeder, an officer of the Commission, be and he hereby is designated to preside at such hearing, and authorized to adjourn said hearing from time to time, to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements, or other records deemed relevant or material to the inquiry, and to perform all other duties in connection therewith authorized by law.

Upon the completion of the taking of testimony in this matter, the officer conducting said hearing is directed to close the hearing and make his report to the Commission.

By the Commission:

[SEAL]

FRANCIS P. BRASSOR, *Secretary*.

[F. R. 37-1633; Filed, June 3, 1937; 12:49 p. m.]

United States of America—Before the Securities and Exchange Commission

At a regular session of the Securities and Exchange Commission held at its office in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 2nd day of June, A. D., 1937.

IN THE MATTER OF AN OFFERING SHEET OF A ROYALTY INTEREST IN THE CONTINENTAL-RISSE FARM, FILED ON MAY 21, 1937, BY INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT CORP., RESPONDENT

CONSENT TO WITHDRAWAL OF FILING OF OFFERING SHEET AND ORDER TERMINATING PROCEEDING

The Securities and Exchange Commission, having been informed by the respondent that no sales of any of the interests covered by the offering sheet described in the title hereof have been made, and finding, upon the basis of such information, that the withdrawal of the filing of the said offering sheet, requested by such respondent, will be consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors, consents to the withdrawal of such filing but not to the removal of the said offering sheet, or any papers with reference thereto, from the files of the Commission; and

It is ordered that the Suspension Order, Order for Hearing and Order Designating a Trial Examiner, heretofore entered in this proceeding, be and the same are hereby revoked and the said proceeding terminated.

By the Commission.

[SEAL]

FRANCIS P. BRASSOR, *Secretary*.

[F. R. Doc. 37-1635; Filed, June 3, 1937; 12:49 p. m.]

¹ 2 F. R. 1116.

United States of America—Before the Securities and Exchange Commission

At a regular session of the Securities and Exchange Commission held at its office in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 2nd day of June, A. D., 1937.

IN THE MATTER OF AN OFFERING SHEET OF A ROYALTY INTEREST IN THE RATHKE-WADLEY-HILL FARM, FILED ON MAY 12, 1937, BY SUPREME OIL INC., RESPONDENT

ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission, having been requested by its counsel for a continuance of the hearing in the above entitled matter,¹ which was last set to be heard at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on the 2nd day of June, 1937, at the office of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 18th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., and it appearing proper to grant the request;

It is ordered, pursuant to Rule VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, that the said hearing be continued to 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on the 17th day of June, 1937, at the same place and before the same trial examiner.

By the Commission.

[SEAL]

FRANCIS P. BRASSOR, *Secretary*.

[F. R. Doc. 37-1634; Filed, June 3, 1937; 12:49 p. m.]

United States of America—Before the Securities and Exchange Commission

At a regular session of the Securities and Exchange Commission held at its office in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 2nd day of June, A. D., 1937.

IN THE MATTER OF AN OFFERING SHEET OF A WORKING INTEREST IN THE EAGLE ROCK-DARLING-ENGSTROM-HULTBERG-SWORD ET AL LEASE, FILED ON MAY 27, 1937, BY SUPREME OIL INC., RESPONDENT

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ORDER (UNDER RULE 340 (A)) AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The Securities and Exchange Commission, having reasonable grounds to believe and, therefore, alleging that the offering sheet described in the title hereof and filed by the respondent named herein is incomplete or inaccurate in material respects, or includes untrue statements of material facts, or omits to state material facts necessary to make the statements therein contained not misleading, or fails to comply with the requirements of Regulation B of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in the respect, or respects, hereinafter enumerated, to wit:

(1) In that the number of barrels of oil which must be produced before the smallest fractional interest proposed to be offered will be entitled to receive one barrel, does not appear to be correctly calculated in the statement made under Division II, Item 1;

(2) In that the legal description required to be given in Exhibit B is omitted;

It is ordered, pursuant to Rule 340 (a) of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, that the effectiveness of the filing of said offering sheet be, and hereby is, temporarily suspended pending a final hearing thereon for the purpose of determining whether said offering sheet is incomplete or inaccurate in any material respect, or includes an untrue statement of a material fact, or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein contained not misleading, or fails to comply with any requirements of Regulation B of such Rules and Regulations in the respect, or respects, hereinbefore enumerated; and

It is further ordered that respondent be, and hereby is, given notice that respondent is entitled to a hearing before the Commission, or an officer or officers of, and designated

¹ 2 F. R. 1031.

by, the Commission, for the purpose of determining such matters; that upon receipt of a written request from respondent, the Commission will, for the purpose of determining such matters, set the matter for hearing at a place to be designated by the Commission, within twenty days after receipt of such request; and that notice of the time and place of such hearing will thereupon be promptly given by the Commission.

By the Commission.

[SEAL]

FRANCIS P. BRASSOR, *Secretary*.

[F. R. Doc. 37-1636; Filed, June 3, 1937; 12:50 p. m.]

FEDERAL REGISTER ACT

[PUBLIC—No. 220—74TH CONGRESS; 49 STAT. 500-503]

AN ACT To provide for the custody of Federal proclamations, orders, regulations, notices, and other documents, and for the prompt and uniform printing and distribution thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Archivist of the United States, acting through a division established by him in the National Archives Establishment, hereinafter referred to as the "Division", is charged with the custody and, together with the Public Printer, with the prompt and uniform printing and distribution of the documents required or authorized to be published under section 5. There shall be at the head of the Division a director, appointed by the President, who shall act under the general direction of the Archivist of the United States in carrying out the provisions of this Act and the regulations prescribed hereunder, who shall receive a salary, to be fixed by the President, not to exceed \$5,000 a year.

SEC. 2. The original and two duplicate originals or certified copies of any document required or authorized to be published under section 5 shall be filed with the Division, which shall be open for that purpose during all hours of the working days when the Archives Building shall be open for official business. The Director of the Division shall cause to be noted on the original and duplicate originals or certified copies of each document the day and hour of filing thereof: *Provided*, That when the original is issued, prescribed, or promulgated outside of the District of Columbia and certified copies are filed before the filing of the original, the notation shall be of the day and hour of filing of the certified copies. Upon such filing, at least one copy shall be immediately available for public inspection in the office of the Director of the Division. The original shall be retained in the archives of the National Archives Establishment and shall be available for inspection under regulations to be prescribed by the Archivist. The Division shall transmit immediately to the Government Printing Office for printing, as provided in this Act, one duplicate original or certified copy of each document required or authorized to be published under section 5. Every Federal agency shall cause to be transmitted for filing as herein required the original and the duplicate originals or certified copies of all such documents issued, prescribed, or promulgated by the agency.

SEC. 3. All documents required or authorized to be published under section 5 shall be printed and distributed forthwith by the Government Printing Office in a serial publication designated the "Federal Register." It shall be the duty of the Public Printer to make available the facilities of the Government Printing Office for the prompt printing and distribution of the Federal Register in the manner and at the times required in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the regulations prescribed hereunder. The contents of the daily issues shall be indexed and shall comprise all documents, required or authorized to be published, filed with the Division up to such time of the day immediately preceding the day of distribution as shall be fixed by regulations hereunder. There shall be printed with each document a copy of the notation, required to be made under section 2, of the day and hour when, upon filing with the Division, such document was made available for public

inspection. Distribution shall be made by delivery or by deposit at a post office at such time in the morning of the day of distribution as shall be fixed by such regulations prescribed hereunder. The prices to be charged for the Federal Register may be fixed by the administrative committee established by section 6 without reference to the restrictions placed upon and fixed for the sale of Government publications by section 1 of the Act of May 11, 1922, and section 307 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (U. S. C., title 44, secs. 72 and 72a), and any amendments thereto.

SEC. 4. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the term "document" means any Presidential proclamation or Executive order and any order, regulation, rule, certificate, code of fair competition, license, notice, or similar instrument issued, prescribed, or promulgated by a Federal agency; the terms "Federal agency" or "agency" mean the President of the United States, or any executive department, independent board, establishment, bureau, agency, institution, commission, or separate office of the administrative branch of the Government of the United States but not the legislative or judicial branches of the Government; and the term "person" means any individual, partnership, association, or corporation.

SEC. 5. (a) There shall be published in the Federal Register (1) all Presidential proclamations and Executive orders, except such as have no general applicability and legal effect or are effective only against Federal agencies or persons in their capacity as officers, agents, or employees thereof; (2) such documents or classes of documents as the President shall determine from time to time have general applicability and legal effect; and (3) such documents or classes of documents as may be required so to be published by Act of the Congress: *Provided* That for the purposes of this Act every document or order which shall prescribe a penalty shall be deemed to have general applicability and legal effect.

(b) In addition to the foregoing there shall also be published in the Federal Register such other documents or classes of documents as may be authorized to be published pursuant hereto by regulations prescribed hereunder with the approval of the President, but in no case shall comments or news items of any character whatsoever be authorized to be published in the Federal Register.

SEC. 6. There is established a permanent Administrative Committee of three members consisting of the Archivist or Acting Archivist, who shall be chairman, an officer of the Department of Justice designated by the Attorney General, and the Public Printer or Acting Public Printer. The Director of the Division shall act as secretary of the committee. The committee shall prescribe, with the approval of the President, regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act. Such regulations shall provide, among other things: (a) The manner of certification of copies required to be certified under section 2, which certification may be permitted to be based upon confirmed communications from outside of the District of Columbia; (b) the documents which shall be authorized pursuant to section 5 (b) to be published in the Federal Register; (c) the manner and form in which the Federal Register shall be printed, reprinted, compiled, indexed, bound, and distributed; (d) the number of copies of the Federal Register which shall be printed, reprinted, and compiled, the number which shall be distributed without charge to Members of Congress, officers and employees of the United States, or any Federal agency for their official use, and the number which shall be available for distribution to the public; and (e) the prices to be charged for individual copies of, and subscriptions to, the Federal Register and reprints and bound volumes thereof.

SEC. 7. No document required under section 5 (a) to be published in the Federal Register shall be valid as against any person who has not had actual knowledge thereof until the duplicate originals or certified copies of the document shall have been filed with the Division and a copy made available for public inspection as provided in section 2; and, unless otherwise specifically provided by statute, such filing of any document, required or authorized to be published under section 5, shall, except in cases where notice by publi-

cation is insufficient in law, be sufficient to give notice of the contents of such document to any person subject thereto or affected thereby. The publication in the Federal Register of any document shall create a rebuttable presumption (a) that it was duly issued, prescribed, or promulgated; (b) that it was duly filed with the Division and made available for public inspection at the day and hour stated in the printed notation; (c) that the copy contained in the Federal Register is a true copy of the original; and, (d) that all requirements of this Act and the regulations prescribed hereunder relative to such document have been complied with. The contents of the Federal Register shall be judicially noticed and, without prejudice to any other mode of citation, may be cited by volume and page number.

Sec. 8. Whenever notice of hearing or of opportunity to be heard is required or authorized to be given by or under an Act of the Congress, or may otherwise properly be given, the notice shall be deemed to have been duly given to all persons residing within the continental United States (not including Alaska), except in cases where notice by publication is insufficient in law, if said notice shall be published in the Federal Register at such time that the period between the publication and the date fixed in such notice for the hearing or for the termination of the opportunity to be heard shall be (a) not less than the time specifically prescribed for the publication of the notice by the appropriate Act of Congress; or (b) not less than fifteen days when no time for publication is specifically prescribed by the Act, without prejudice, however, to the effectiveness of any notice of less than fifteen days where such shorter period is reasonable.

Sec. 9. Every payment made for the Federal Register shall be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt. The cost of printing, reprinting, wrapping, binding, and distributing the Federal Register and any other expenses incurred by the Government Printing Office in carrying out the duties placed upon it by this Act shall be borne by the appropriations to the Government Printing Office and such appropriations are hereby made available, and are authorized to be increased by such additional sums as are necessary for such purposes, such increases to be based upon estimates submitted by the Public Printer. The purposes for which appropriations are available and are authorized to be made under section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a National Archives of the United States Government, and for other purposes" (48 Stat. 1122) are enlarged

to cover the additional duties placed upon the National Archives Establishment by the provisions of this Act. Copies of the Federal Register mailed by the Government shall be entitled to the free use of the United States mails in the same manner as the official mail of the executive departments of the Government. The cost of mailing the Federal Register to officers and employees of Federal agencies in foreign countries shall be borne by the respective agencies.

Sec. 10. The provisions of section 2 shall become effective sixty days after the date of approval of this Act and the publication of the Federal Register shall begin within three business days thereafter: *Provided*, That the appropriations involved have been increased as required by section 9 of this Act. The limitations upon the effectiveness of documents required, under section 5 (a), to be published in the Federal Register shall not be operative as to any document issued, prescribed, or promulgated prior to the date when such document is first required by this or subsequent Act of the Congress or by Executive order to be published in the Federal Register.

Sec. 11. Within six months after the approval of this Act each agency shall prepare and file with the committee a complete compilation of all documents which have been issued or promulgated prior to the date documents are required or authorized by this Act to be published in the Federal Register and which are still in force and effect and relied upon by the agency as authority for, or invoked or used by it in the discharge of, any of its functions or activities. The committee shall within sixty days thereafter report with respect thereto to the President, who shall determine which of such documents have general applicability and legal effect, and shall authorize the publication thereof in a special or supplemental edition or issue of the Federal Register. Such special or supplemental editions or issues shall be distributed in the same manner as regular editions or issues, and shall be included in the bound volumes of the Federal Register as supplements thereto.

Sec. 12. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to treaties, conventions, protocols, and other international agreements, or proclamations thereof by the President.

Sec. 13. All Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

Sec. 14. This Act may be cited as the "Federal Register Act."

Approved, July 26, 1935.